

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 15, line 20 please insert the following paragraph:

--The relief surface also prevents portions of the dental tool from weakening during the sharpening and shaping process and can provide support for a portion of the dental tool. The relief portion generally corresponds to a part of the instrument or tool not involved in shaping or sharpening which, if worn, could weaken the strength of the instrument, and which could break in treatment due to unnecessary loss of cross-sectional diameter. It should be understood that Teflon® coating or other non-abrading material (e.g. metal) can be deposited into at least one of the surfaces 60, 62 so that only intended instrument surface(s) of the dental tool can be selectively sharpened and/or shaped. In Figs. 5-9 the relief portion can be any of the cross-sectional surfaces or sides 60, 62, or 64 of the groove 54 as dictated by the specific instrument design.--

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